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7115 North Division Street, Suite B #351
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Subject: Accepted Wildlife Management Plan, Desert Hawk Gold Corporation, Kiewit Project Mine,

M/045/0078, Tooele County, Utah

Dear Mr. Havenstrite:

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining accepts the Wildlife Management Plan portion of the document being prepared by the Bureau of Land Management to comply with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and will incorporate it into Appendix XXIV of the Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations. A copy stamped received is included for your copy of the Notice of Intention. The Division will stamp approved after the reclamation contract and reclamation surety are received. Thank you for the including form MR-REV with this submittal.

Certain items in the Notice of Intention and associated documents need to be completed before the Division issues final approval.

- 1. Please submit the entire NEPA document and the Record of Decision for the NEPA document from the BLM.
- Minor edits to the introduction of the permit, noting discrepancies, and a revised table of
 contents will be needed. Place holders in the NOI include the Tooele County Conditional
 Use Permit, the BLM Plan of Operations, and the DEQ Construction permit.
- The Division will need concurrence from the BLM for the amount of the reclamation surety. The Division does not anticipate receiving this concurrence until the BLM has completed analysis under NEPA.
- 4. Submittal of the reclamation surety.
- 5. Submittal of a completed reclamation contract (form MR-RC).

There will also be certain conditions when final approval is issued.

- 1. Mining at the Clifton Shears will not exceed 20 feet in depth until additional rock characterization has been completed.
- 2. No mining may be done at the Yellow Hammer until rock characterization has been completed.
- 3. Mining at the Kiewit will include rock characterization as committed to in the Notice of Intention.

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> Backfilling and grading reclamation bond monies will not be released until the heap leach draw down has been completed.

Please call Leslie Heppler at 801-538-5257 or me at 801-538-5261 if you have any questions regarding this letter. In reply, please refer to file number M/045/0078. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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